
Board of Health Minutes 10/01/2015

Town of Mashpee

*16 Great Neck Road North
Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649*

BOARD OF HEALTH – PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes of the Meeting of October 1, 2015

Board Members Present:

Burton Kaplan, Chairman
Kalliope Egloff, Co-Chair
Lucy Burton, Clerk

Also Present:

Glen Harrington, Health Agent

Chairman Burton Kaplan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Sign Expense Warrants.** The Board members signed the expense warrants.
- **Review/Approve BOH Public Session Minutes: September 17, 2015.**

Lucy Burton made a motion that the Board of Health approve the Public Session minutes of September 17, 2015, as amended. Burton Kaplan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Approve 2016 Fee Schedule.**

Glen Harrington remarked that he would like the Board of Health to review and approve the 2016 Fee Schedule.

Discussion of the fee schedule took place, and no changes were made.

Kalliope Egloff made a motion that the Board of Health approve the 2016 Town of Mashpee Board of Health Fee Schedule. Lucy Burton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Draft Rodent Regulation.**

Glen Harrington stated that the new Mashpee Building Commissioner is creating a building permit application for demolition. There should be some kind of rodent mitigation prior to the demolition of a building. After some research Mr. Harrington drafted a rodent regulation to include baiting 30 days prior to the issuance of a demolition permit and to be maintained throughout the project.

Mr. Harrington and the Board discussed the draft rodent regulation and recommendations were suggested.

Action has been deferred to the next Board of Health meeting scheduled on October 15, 2015.

- **Oktoberfest Temporary Food Permits.**

Glen Harrington commented that there are two single-food vendors at the Mashpee Oktoberfest; one is selling coffee and the other is selling cookies. These vendors are paying fees to both the Recreation Department and the Health Department. The Recreation Department lowered their fee to accommodate the two vendors.

The Board of Health expressed their opinion that since the vendors require an inspection and are receiving exposure at the event, the fees will remain as is.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Housing Compliance: 394 Cotuit Road.**

Mr. Harrington forwarded information from Erika Woods of the Cape Cod Hoarding Task Force to the Board of Health members.

Lucy Burton commented that Ms. Woods is making progress with Vickie McFarland-Richter of 394 Cotuit Road, as Ms. McFarland-Richter is struggling against her own issues to improve the situation. Ms. Burton went on to say that psychology is so important in the treatment of hoarding.

Glen Harrington stated that another inspection of the property at 394 Cotuit Road will take place in October 2015 by the Health Agent.

- **Housing Update: P-103 Deer Crossing, Shellback Way.**

Glen Harrington stated that the Health Department is still in the process of dealing with the situation at P-103, Deer Crossing. Because of the cost of the clean-up, a bid process must take place. The public bid will be advertised in two separate ads. A lien will be placed on the property to reimburse the Town of Mashpee for the expense. Everything on the first floor must be disposed except those items with a hard surface, which will be cleaned. Most objects on the second floor and basement are able to be cleaned. The appliances, fire alarms, and smoke alarms must be in working order before the occupant is allowed to return.

Mr. Harrington commented that this does not treat the hoarding issue. In the meantime, Mr. Harrington will inquire of Town Counsel whether or not a psychiatric evaluation or treatment can be mandated of the occupant in order to assist with the hoarding issue.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS

None.

DISCUSSION

- **Meeting Update – Mashpee Cares Committee Meeting: Lucy Burton.**

Lucy Burton stated that she does not have an update on the Mashpee Cares Committee Meeting. The next meeting will take place at the Mashpee Public Library on October 20, 2015, at 6:00 PM.

- **Meeting Update – Waste Management Committee Meeting: Kalliope Egloff.**

Kalliope Egloff commented that she would like to have a topic of discussion and consensus from the Board of Health on the mission of the Waste Management Committee at the next scheduled Board of Health meeting. At the next

Waste Management Committee Meeting a recommendation and vote will be made to give to the Board of Selectmen concerning "Zero Waste".

- **Synthetic Marijuana.**

Glen Harrington stated that the difference as far as the definition and the use of the word "analog" is to prevent the evolution of the drug. If a regulation is made for one substance, the "backyard chemists" will change the compound so that it doesn't meet that regulation. It is written using the word "analog" or imitation of the substances so that it covers anything that is created with a similar effect.

The Barnstable By-Law will be placed on the May 2016 Town Meeting for the Town of Mashpee to vote on. Each of the regional Boards of Health are asked to adopt a regulation similar to that of the Town of Carver. The only difference between the two is that the Barnstable By-Law has more Police power written into the regulation. A public hearing will be placed on the next agenda so that the retailers will have an opportunity to attend and comment on the synthetic marijuana regulation.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2015, at 7:00 PM. As there was no further business, Lucy Burton made a motion to adjourn the Public Session Meeting of the Board of Health at 8:15 PM. Kalliope Egloff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Boulos
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